

FORESTRY NEWS



Meet Our New Secretary of the Interior ...

The U.S. Department of the Interior which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a new leader. Sally Jewell was sworn in as the 51st Secretary of the Interior on April 12, 2013. Following are excerpts from a press release on her confirmation: As Secretary of the Interior, Jewell leads an agency with more than 70,000 employees. Interior serves as steward for approximately 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public lands; oversees development of conventional and renewable energy supplies on public lands; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western states; and upholds trust responsibilities to the 566 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.



Secretary Jewell

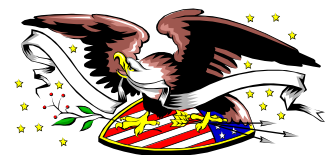
In nominating Jewell, President Obama said, *"She is an expert on the energy and climate issues that are going to shape our future. She is committed to building our nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country. She knows the link between conservation and good jobs."*

She knows that there's no contradiction between being good stewards of the land and our economic progress; that in fact, those two things need to go hand in hand."

Prior to her confirmation, Jewell served in the private sector, most recently as President and CEO of Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI). Jewell joined REI as Chief Operating Officer in 2000 and was named CEO in 2005. During her tenure, REI nearly tripled in business to \$2 billion and was consistently ranked one of the 100 best companies to work for by Fortune Magazine.

Before joining REI, Jewell spent 19 years as a commercial banker, first as an energy and natural resources expert and later working with a diverse array of businesses. Trained as a petroleum engineer, Jewell started her career with Mobil Oil Corporation in the oil and gas fields of Oklahoma and the exploration and production office in Denver, Colorado. An avid outdoorswoman, Jewell finds time to explore her backyard in the Pacific Northwest where she enjoys skiing, kayaking, hiking and other activities. She has scaled Mount Rainier in Washington on seven occasions, and recently climbed Vinson Massif, the highest mountain in Antarctica.

Jewell has worked to ensure that public lands are accessible and relevant to all people from all backgrounds, and to build a connection between the great outdoors and a new generation of Americans. Jewell is a graduate of the University of Washington. Secretary Jewell replaces Secretary Ken Salazar who served in the position since January 2009.



The Fort Apache Agency Branch of Forestry recently adopted a new comprehensive Mission Statement. It states: ***The mission of the Fort Apache Agency Branch of Forestry is to proactively manage, enhance, conserve, and protect land and forest trust resources for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on a sustainable basis.*** You will see copies of this mission statement around the Agency.



Retired Supreme Court Justice and Arizona native Sandra Day O'Connor swears in the 51st Secretary of the Interior.